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1. SUMMARY. FOUR HAITIANS SAILED INTO GUANTANAMO BAY JULY 7
IN A 20 FOOT SAILBOAT. ALL FOUR BORN IN AND RESIDENTS OF
ANSE D'HAINAULT IN SOUTHWESTERN HAITI. THEY LEFT ANSE
D'HAINAULT JUNE 30 APPARENTLY SEEKING A BETTER LIFE ELSEWHERE.
NONE HAVE CLAIMED POLITICAL PERSECUTION. CREOLE-SPEAKING
VICE CONSUL TRAVELING TO GUANTANAMO BAY JULY 12 TO INTERVIEW
HAITIANS. IF NO POLITICAL ISSUE ARISES, HE WILL RETURN
WITH THEM TO HAITI THE SAME AFTERNOON, END SUMMARY.

2. MILOR DESI, 35; EMANUEL D'ORLISE, 25; LEONEL TISSON, 25;
AND JOSEPH LUMA, 18, LEFT ANSE D'HAINAULT IN SOUTHWEST HAITI
ON JUNE 30 IN A 20-FOOT SAILBOAT. ANSE D'HAINAULT IN HAITI'S
REMOTE SOUTHWEST IS SUFFERING FROM A SEVERE DROUGHT AND THE
THE FOUR HAITIANS APPARENTLY LEFT TO IMPROVE THEIR PROSPECTS.
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THEY ARRIVED AT GUANTANAMO BAY ON JULY 7.

3. THE AUTHORITIES AT GUANTANAMO REPORT THAT NONE OF
THE FOUR HAS CLAIMED POLITICAL PERSECUTION AS A REASON FOR
LEAVING HAITI AND INDICATIONS ARE THEY WANT TO BETTER THEIR
LIVES ECONOMICALLY. PRIOR TO MAKING FINAL DECISION ON
REFUGEES, EMBASSY IS SENDING CREOLE-SPEAKING OFFICER

JULY 12 TO INTERVIEW HAITIANS.

4. IF, AS APPEARS PROBABLE, THE HAITIANS ARE ECONOMIC REFUGEES, THEY WILL BE RETURNED WITH HIM TO HAITI THE AFTERNOON OF JULY 12. THIS APPEARS TO BE THE MOST COMPASSIONATE COURSE. THEIR BOAT IS CONSIDERED SO UNSEAWORTHY THAT PERMITTING THEM TO CONTINUE THEIR VOYAGE WOULD JEOPARDISE THEIR LIVES.

5. SHOULD WE RETURN THE HAITIANS, THE EMBASSY WILL SEND THE FOREIGN MINISTRY A NOTE TO MAKE A FORMAL RECORD OF THE RETURN OF THE FOUR MEN AND REQUEST THAT WE BE NOTIFIED OF THE DISPOSITION OF THE CASE.

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